

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2000
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
1:30 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Kathy Campbell, Chair
Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair
Linda Steinman
Bob Workman

Commissioners Absent: Bernie Heier

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk
Richard Nuernberger, County Treasurer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Clerk

- 1) **MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, January 18, 2000. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization dated January 18, 2000. On call Campbell, Hudkins, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 16 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit "A".

MOTION: Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval. On call Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

3) **APPROVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**First Evangelical Covenant Church
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
Temple Baptist Church
Trinity Lutheran Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, Inc.**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of motor vehicle tax exemptions for First Evangelical Covenant Church, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Temple Baptist Church and Trinity Lutheran Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, Inc.

4) **ADJOURNMENT:**

By direction of the Chair, the Board of Equalization meeting was adjourned.

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- 2) **CLAIMS:** Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, January 25, 2000.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval. On call Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A. The Volunteer of the Month Award was presented to James R. Dunlap for his services with the Lincoln Police Department.

B. The Commissioners Annual Award of Excellence was presented to Allison Redding, an employee with the Corrections Department.

4) **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Change of Zone 193, requested by the Director of Planning at the request of the County Board, to amend Articles 13 and 16 of the Lancaster County Zoning Resolution to match the new language for off-premise signs to be adopted by the City Council.

The Chair opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to testify.

Mike DeKalb, Planning Department, briefly discussed issues which billboard sized signs may raise noting key issues such as open fields and clear vistas mean high visibility and lease of space is a source of revenue for landowners.

He indicated he completed a survey of all roads in the County and noted that there are approximately two to three existing signs which are grandfathered in.

DeKalb stated he prepared language relating to amendments to the County Zoning Resolution. Major changes are as follows:

- ' 600 foot spacing between signs and from sensitive areas, schools, parks and cemeteries
- ' 150 foot or half the distance from residential zoning (whichever is greater)
- ' A special permit provision for appeal to the elected officials

In response to a question asked by Workman regarding removal of abandoned signs, DeKalb stated it would be the responsibility of the sign company or the property owner.

The Chair asked if anyone else wished to testify.

Erik Hubl, supervisor at Hyde Observatory, appeared and indicated he supports the resolution. Hubl addressed the lighting requirements and stated Hyde Observatory is very interested in requiring downlighting on all new billboards. He explained that there is a tremendous amount of energy wasted due to incorrect illumination. All lights which are not shielded allow light to go up into the sky. Hubl stated shielded lighting can direct the beam more uniformly onto the billboard face and time limits can help save energy and aid in reducing operating costs.

In response to a question asked by Workman, Hubl stated many sign companies don't use downlighting because they can't build up obstructions on top of their billboards, i.e., a grocery sack or the image of a person extending beyond the top of a billboard.

4) **PUBLIC HEARINGS CONTINUED:**

The Chair asked if anyone else wished to testify.

No one appeared and the hearing was closed.

MOTION: Workman moved and Hudkins seconded to approve Change of Zone 193 and to request the County Attorney's Office to draft a resolution including language as specified by the Planning Department. On call Hudkins, Steinman, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. An application for a Special Events Permit from 2000 Animal Run to hold a fund raiser on Saturday, January 29, 2000 beginning at 10 a.m.

Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, recommended that the application be approved subject to the receipt of the certificate of insurance.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the application for a Special Events Permit from 2000 Animal Run subject to the receipt of the certificate of insurance. On call Steinman, Workman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

B. An agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters to provide professional services which will provide training to mentors who work with children through the Families First and Foremost Program. Term of the agreement is January 1, 2000 to August 31, 2000. The County will pay \$101,250 for the services. (C-00-48)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval. On call Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- C. An interlocal agreement with the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District to have the N.R.D. provide \$14,129.50 to the County for maintaining a portion of West Bluff Road which is threatened by the erosive action of Elk Creek. The County is contracting with Corps of Engineers regarding the project (Number 00-03). (C-00-47)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Steinman seconded approval. On call Campbell, Steinman, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- D. A program resolution with the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads for guardrail, channel improvement and utility relocation beginning 400 feet west of the south one-quarter corner of Section 8, Township 12 North, Range 8 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska, then east 800 feet (Agnew Road at Unnamed Tributary to Rock Creek). This project is at an estimated cost of \$453,150. (R-00-09)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval. On call Workman, Steinman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- E. A construction agreement with Peoples Natural Gas of Lincoln for certain construction work on Southwest 40th Street (West Van Dorn Street to West "A" Street) (Project C55-L-403(1)). An estimated cost for this is \$2,000. (C-00-46)**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval.

In response to a question asked by Steinman, Don Thomas, County Engineer, stated the work was in anticipation of the paving of Southwest 40th Street.

ROLL CALL: Steinman, Hudkins, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

- F. An agreement with Lincoln Employee Assistance Program, Inc. to provide an Employee Assistance Program for a three year period at a fee of \$19,500 per year. (C-00-45).**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval. On call Workman, Campbell, Hudkins and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

- G. Authorization of National Bank of Commerce, as Trustee, to disburse \$39,888.14 from the juvenile detention center bond proceeds to Sinclair Hille & Associates Inc. for architectural services for the new juvenile detention facility.**

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Steinman seconded approval. On call Hudkins, Workman, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- H. Authorization of National Bank of Commerce, as Trustee, to disburse \$4,982.94 from the juvenile detention center bond proceeds to Olsson Associates for developing public utility plans for the new juvenile detention facility.**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval. On call Campbell, Steinman, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- I. A disbursement from the Lancaster County Leasing Corporation Renewal and Replacement Fund to Kidwell Communications, in the amount of \$5,079 and to the City of Lincoln Information Services, in the amount of \$4,037.38 for wiring, parts and switches for the Lancaster Manor computer network. (M-00-08)**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval. On call Hudkins, Campbell, Steinman and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- J. Ratify a contract for maintenance of Lancaster Manor's Digital Telephone System (see equipment list provided) with Alltel (Lincoln, Nebraska). Annual maintenance payable annually receives a 5 percent discount for a total cost of \$3,587.58. (C-0049)**

MOTION: Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval. On call Campbell, Hudkins, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

K. Authorization of the installation of a school bus stop ahead sign 500 feet south of the drive to the Julie Burns residence located at 12909 North 70th Street for northbound traffic.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval. On call Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine and which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

A. Receive and Place on File:

- 1. County Attorney's Quarterly Report from October 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.**
- 2. Sheriff's Report of Fees for December, 1999.**

B. A resolution approving Comprehensive Plan Amendment 94-42, requested by the Director of Planning, to amend the land use plan and add text regarding land use, infrastructure and resources for the Wilderness Park Subarea Plan. (R-00-07)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of the Consent Items. On call Steinman, Workman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Campbell stated no staff meeting would be held on Thursday, February 3, 2000 due to the Mid-Year Budget Review.

It was the consensus of the Board to tentatively schedule a staff meeting for Tuesday, February 1, 2000 at 9 a.m.

8) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting. On call Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk